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that she help me.

ses. It is Widow Martha of Bethany. Yes. I will show you also the pet of the household. It is Mary, the younger sister, with a book under her arm, and in about anything. Company has come. side the door. The sisters set back all the fashions have changed? the disarranged furniture, arrange their hair, and in a flash prepare to open the door. They do not keep Christ waiting outside until they have newly appareled themselves or elaborately arranged their tresses, and then ladies, and always presentable, although perhaps they had not on their best. None of us always have on our best. Otherwise very soon our best would not confidence that her sister Martha could she practically said: "Now, let us have and I'll sit down and learn.

Christ. But Mary monopolizes Christ, while Martha swelters before the fire. It was very important that they have a good dinner that day, for Christ was a good dinner that day had rested with Mary! What a repast work that is right is honorable? my sister has left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me." Christ scolded not a word. If it were scolding, I would rather have him scold me than anybody else bless me. There was nothing acerb in the Saviour's reply. He knew that Martha had been working herself almost to death to get him something to eat, and he appreciated her kindness, and he practically said: "My dear woman, do not worry. Let the dinner go. Sit down here on this couch beside your younger sister, Mary. Let us talk about something else. Martha, Martha, thou art carefu! and troubled about many things, but one thing is needful.

As Martha throws open the door I look in today, and I see a great many household anxieties, perplexities, fatigues and trials, and about them I am going to speak if the Lord of Mary and Martha and Lazarus will help me by Household Perplexities and Trials.

As I look into that door, in the first place, I see the trial of nonappreciation. That was what made Martha so vexed at Mary. Mary, the younger sister, had no proper estimate of the elder sister's fatigue. Just as now men having annoyances of store and factory and shop, or at the Stock Exchange, come home at You ought to be in a factory a day and have 10 or 15 or 20 or 100 subordinates. Then you would know something about annoyance and trouestablishment, a restaurant, a laundry, a library, and has to be health officer, police and president of the whole realm!

litz and Gettysburg and Waterloo are you had a country seat.

machine or a ladle.

half rested. At an irrevocable hour she in or out of them, so great are the palmust have the morning repast ready. aces awaiting all God's dear children, What if the fire will not burn, what if and so much grander the heavenly arit must be ready at the irrevocable but it is the sickness and the sorrow [Copyright, 1899, by American Press Association.] ready for school. But what if the gar-ments be torn? What if they do not invalids. The mountain lass who has Washington, Feb. 12.—This discourse of Dr. Talmage seems to open all the doors of home life and rouses appreciation of work not ordinarily recognization of wor mized; text. Luke x. 40: "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore me to serve alone? Bid her therefore mishes your articles of food adulterated?" but, oh, to do the hard work of the but, oh, to do the hard work of the leds and drive the cabin with laughing racket; the home, and until 10 o'clock at night have something of the spirit of Jesus club, what if the butcher sends meat until 10 o'clock at night have something of the spirit of Jesus club, and until 110 o'clock at night have something of the spirit of Jesus club, of the hard work of the leds and drive the cabin with laughing racket; the home, and until 110 o'clock at night have something of the spirit of Jesus club, of the leds and drive the cabin with laughing racket; the home, and until 120 o'clock at night have something of the spirit of Jesus club, of the leds and drive the cabin with laughing racket. Yonder is a beautiful village home-stead. The man of the house is dead and his widow has charge of the premofer at thousand things occur? No mathematical mathematical process. Or a household with a shattered constitution—after six weeks whooping dough as raged in the household, making the will soon be over. of a thousand things occur? No mat-ter. Everything must be ready. The spring is coming, and there must be the house has often to be undertaken revolution in the family wardrobe, or when the nerves are shattered with the autumn is at hand, and you must some bereavement that has put desolaher face no sign of care or anxiety shut out the northern blast. But how if tion in every room of the house and the moth has preceded you to the chest? sent the crib into the garret because its Christ appearing at the outside of How if the garments of the last year occupant has been hushed into a slumthe door makes some excitement in- do not fit the children now? What if ber that needs no mother's lullaby. Oh,

thing to cool the burn, something to putting one wing of care over the flock with affected surprise come out and, poultice the inflammation, something to in the house, putting the other wing of pretending not to have heard the two silence the jumping tooth, something care over the flock in the grave. Nothor three previous knockings, say, to soothe the earache. Oh, man of busi- ing but the old fashioned religion of "Why, is that you?" No, they were ness, if you had as many cares as that Jesus Christ can take a woman happily you would be a fit candidate for an in- through home trials. All these modern sane asylum! If Martha make under religious amount to nothing. on the library or the drawing room, be there is a dead babe in the house. Away be worth having on. They throw open patient, be lenient. Oh, my sister, though with them and give us the old fashioned the door and greet Christ. They say:
"Good morning, Master! Come in and souls any appreciation of your toil, let forted so many in the days of sorrow be sented!" Christ brought a company me assure you from the kindliness with and trouble! which Jesus Christ met Martha that so many city visitors, you do not wonder, threw the country home into some perturbation. I suppose the walk from and Miriam, and Abigail is the God of and Miriam, and Abigail is the God of and Miriam, and Abigail is the God of and Miriam. the city had been a keen appetizer. The the housekeepers! Christ never markitchen department that day was a very important department, and I think as important department departm soon as Martha had greeted her guests of troubled womanhood. I blundered night it is not necessary to discuss It was a good lesson for the navy, and she went to that room. Mary had no Christ was married. The Bible says the anxiety about the dinner. She had full church is "the Bride, the Lamb's wife," and that makes me know that a woman get up the best dinner in Bethany, and has a right to go to Christ with all her annoyances and perplexities and faa division of labor. Martha, you cook tigues, for by his oath of conjugal fidelity he bath sworn to sympathize. The same difference you now sometimes see between sisters. There is three or four verses, quaint and pecul-Martha, industrious, painstaking, a jar, but strong, and in one verse saying:

mother. The mother answered, "The sponsibility! Can't you get along with 50 cents? You are always wanting a dollar.' This 30 years' war against high prices,

Will Make the Contrast Brighter. fatigues of home life are to prepare you for heaven, for they will make that the fatigues of home life are to prepare you for the state of the life worth living. That has been the life or Florence brighter in the contrast! A d. 'g soldier was asked by a friend, "Have you dier was asked by a friend, "Have you ward Payson; that was the life of the of those who lingered in the hospitals." noyance, and they say: "Oh, that's any message to send to your father?" Lord Jesus Christ; that is the life of "Yes," said he; "tell him I have gone every man or woman that is happyhome." "Well," said the friend, "have life of self sacrifice. Those people living you any message to send to your wife?" | for themselves-are they happy? Find "Yes; tell her I have gone home." me one. I will give you all the nations Yauco and Ponce, a distance of 22 "You have other friends. Would you of the earth to find me one. Not happy miles, with two stations on the line at wife and a mother has to conduct at like to send a message to them?" "Yes; —no, not happy. the same time a university, a clothing the same time a university, a clothing will understand it. Tell them I have gone home." And that heavenly home are happy, for God pays so largely, so gone nome. And that heaven's home are nappy, for God pays so targety, so because of the 22 mile haul, or 10 cents will compensate, will fully atone, for all gloriously, so magnificently, in the per ton for a 22 mile haul, or 10 cents New York Times. the hardships and the trials and the an deep and eternal satisfactions of the per ton mile, a great part of the freight to do them well, in order to make things go smoothly, and that is what things go smoothly, and that is what things go smoothly, and that is what the trials and the vexations of the earth noyances and the vexations of the earth in others. How little we exercise of it! performed by ox carts, in successful the result is the result of the reight of the r things go smoothly, and that is what puts the awful tax on a woman's nerves and a woman's brain. I know there are exceptions to the rule. Sometimes you that land of the white robes they have rough schoolmaster had a poor lad that much lower than those of the ra way, will find a woman who can sit in the armore and a woman who can sit in the armore and a woman who can sit in the armore and a woman who can sit in the armore and a woman who can sit in the armore and a woman who can sit in the armore and a woman who can sit in the armore and a woman who can sit in the armore and a woman who can sit in the armore and a woman who can sit in the same. Besides the content of the states leads, this excessive charge, the railway does the content of the sit in this district, as it does not reach to the harbor of Ponce, where the great to the harbor of Ponce, where the great to the charge of the skies if on earth to the charge of the skies if on earth to the charge of the skies if on earth to the charge of the skies if on earth to the charge of the skies of the skies of the skies if on earth to the charge of the skies if on earth to the charge of the skies of the skies if on earth to the charge of the skies is and the speed is about the same. Besides the add the same. Besides the add the charge of the skies is and the schedel sabout the same. Besides the add the same the same than the same than the charge of the skies is and the schedel sabout the same. Besides the same than the charge of the skies of the skies is and the charge of the skies of the skies in t have large wages and great experience; into the chariot of the skies if on earth ly the teacher said; "I tell you, now, have large wages and great experience; but that is the exception. I speak of the great masses of housekeepers, to whom life is a struggle, and who at 30 and satisfactions. It will not be so great a change if on earth you had all luxuries and satisfactions. It will not be so great a take off your coat. Take it off instant-tonio Mattei Lluveras in Engineering with 18,495.

678; Canada broken and the goods transferred.—Antake off your coat. Take it off instant-tonio Mattei Lluveras in Engineering with 18,495. years of age look as though they were
40. The fallen at Chalons and Austerthe banks of the river of life if on earth
But it was for shame. He had no under-

was killed by too much mending and the time she took up the scepter! If sewing and baking and scouring and Chatsworth Park and the Vanderbilt Whin me," "Oh," said the teacher.

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habitable rookeries, and Lazarus him-The housewife rises in the morning self would be ashamed to be seen going the clock stop, what if the marketing chitecture than the earthly. It is often has not been sent in? No matter that: not only the toil of the housekeeping. hour. Then the children must be got that go along. It is a simple fact that it was a great deal easier for her to brood the East Indies command, when at least the whole flock than to brood a part of The house must be an extemporized them now that the rest have gone! You it if they had wanted it, and that he apothecary's shop or dispensary; there must be relief for all styles of ailments; are in the bosom of a loving God, but, something to loosen the croup, some- motherlike, she will brood both flocks, such circumstances an impatient rush not help. They do not comfort when

Romance and novelty may for a little while seem to be a substitute. The marriage day has only gone by, just gone by, and all household cares are whether it is time to go. All the mishaps of the newly married couple in the way of household affairs are not matters of anxiety or reprehension, but merriment. The loaf of bread turned into a geological specimen, the slushy custards and jaundiced and measly bis cuits. Oh, it is a very bright sunlight Martha, industrious, painstaking, a just strong, and in one verse say by good manager, ever inventive of some new pastry, discovering something in household affairs. Here is Mary, fond where the past of the pas A young woman of brilliant education loaf that cannot be sweetened by any ing houses and the national banks, and

good dinner that day, for Christ was hungry, and he did not often have luxnrious entertainment. Alas, me, if all the responsibility of that entertainment.

I suppose some time I shall have to learn, and I have begun now." When the responsibility of that entertainment will the world learn that every kind of work that is right is honorable?

Solomon wrote out of his own miserable experience—he had a wretched home; no man can be happy with two countries of Europe, in Australasia and wives, much less with 700, and out of his in the United States in 1873 was \$1,not bake or something was turned households out of a thousand are sub- with." Oh, the responsibilities of houseblack that ought to have been only turned brown, or Martha scalded herself, and, forgetting all the proprieties of the scale of the sca cigars and dines at costly restaurants. the great statisticians says that out of of the occasion, with pesweated brow the rushed out of the kitchen into the He will be very apt to enjoin severe 1,000 unmarried men 30 were crimisher rushed out of the kitchen into the parlor, perhaps with tongs in one hand conomy at home. That is what kills nals, and out of 1,000 married men only thousands of women-the attempt to 18 were criminals, showing the power on duty at the front during the Santiand pitcher in the other, and she cried out: "Lord, dost thou not care that of home. And, oh, the responsibility ago campaign, was in the city the other my sister has left me to serve alone?"

I the work of \$7. It is amazing the control of home. And, oh, the responsibility ago campaign, was in the city the other resting upon housekeepers! By the food day, and in course of conversation sometimes are controlled to the control of home. The course of the course of conversation sometimes are controlled to the course of the household. If you have not got the they provide, by the couch they spread, money, say so. If you have, be cheerby the books they introduce, by the indeath was exhibited by mortally woundful in the expenditure. Your wife will fluence they bring around the home, ed men. be reasonable. "How long does the they are helping to decide the physical, honeymoon last?" said a young woman the intellectual, the moral, the eternal about to enter the married state to her welfare of the human race. Oh, the re-

honeymoon lasts until you ask your husband for money." "How much do you want?" "A dollar." "A dollar." She is the banker of her home, the president, the cashier, the teller, the discount clerk, and ever and anon there is this everlasting attempt to bring the the cares, and he knows that this is being blotted out. It was simply a outgo within the income, has exhausted not a uscless sermon, but that there are strong man's instinctive grip on life. multitudes of housekeepers. Let me say multitudes of hearts waiting for the Other wounds were so benumbing that to such, it is a part of the divine dis-distillation of the divine mercy and the victims had no power to resist the cipline. If it were best for you, all you solace in their hour of trials and their inevitable. would have to do would be just to open home duties and their own fatigues. The paralyzed, the springs of energy snap the front windows and the ravens world hears nothing about them. They would fig in with food, and after you never speak about them. You could not that they accepted death as do wornout had baked 50 times from the barrel in with the agonies of an inquisition bring old men. the pantry, like the barrel of Zarephath, the truth out of them. They keep it sister, "Are you not trying to show that all a woman's life at home is one Oh, my friends, all these trials and Li self sacrifice?" Yes, my sister, and

Self Sacrifice Brings Happiness It is the self sacrificing people that garments, and when at last he removed But, oh, the joy for the weary feet his coat there went up a sob of emotion med the grocer as he finished tying up a small number in comparison with those who have gone down under the Armageddon of the kitchen. Go out to the country and look over the epitaphs on the tombstones. They are all beautiful and—poetic, but if the tombstones could tell the truth thousands of them was a martyrdom on earth when they go into that home where they will never have to do anything they do not want to do! What a change from the want to want to want to want to wa

scrubbing," and the weapon with which she was killed was a broom or a sewing city, they would be looked at as unining! But if you want to take the positive way and it." The boy said: "I don't care: whip me. I'll take it; he's only a poor chap Don't you see the bones almost con through the flesh? Whip me." And shoulders, this healthy, robust lad made no outcry; he endured it all uncom-We all say "Bravo!" for Christ! Splendid! How much scourghome life, foreign life-we are to re-

A Good Lesson For the Navy. It has been said that Commodore Dewey sought to obtain the command of the Asiatic station because he foresaw the opportunity that was to come to him. In one sense this is true. Dewey has always been a man of action, a natural fighter. That he went gladly to two other flag officers could have had preferred taking service affoat to any kind of comfortable duty on shore, is true. But it was the seaman's instinct that led him rather than any prophetic power. There were several questions of grave importance likely to come before the country, and Commodore Dewey knew that the man in command at sea is the man who is in a position to make opportunities for himself, while the men who cling to easy billets ashore mustwhen warclouds threaten-stand around and wait for chances to come to them. It was no mere chance that put

George Dewey in command in the east. It was the logical working out of the principles of a lifetime. The men who had always had sufficient influence to keep them in time of peace in easy places in New York and Washington, while others did the hard work of the service at sea, discovered that all their influence could not give them the places it should be remembered by every young officer.—Joseph L. Stickney in Harper's Magazine.

Extraordinary Holdings of Gold.

The director of the mint is authority for the statement that the United States now holds \$910,000,000 in gold. This that falls upon the cutlery and mantel is an estimate, of course; for there are ornaments of a new home! Romance no data available to determine the and novelty will do for a little while, amount held by depositories other than questions of ethics she has no time to discuss questions of household welfare. It is noon. Mary is in the parlor. Martha is in the kttchen. It would have been better for them to have divided the toil, and then they could have discuss questions of household welfare. It would have been better for them to have divided the toil, and then they could have discussed in a damirer entered. He said: "I thought I heard music in the house."

A young woman of primant education and prosperous surroundings was called down stairs to help in the absence of the stream to the down stairs to help in the absence of the stream to the balk din any ordinary oven. It is the loaf of domestic happiness. All is the loaf of domestic happiness. All the ingredients from heaven. Fruit thought I heard music in the house.

United States in any previous year, acgold and silver in the same countries in

Wounded In Battle. Dr. James Creighton of Louisville, who was one of the contract surgeons

"Fear is hardly the word," replied and in such cases it seemed impossible That woman sits in the house of God | for the men to realize that they were unnatural, inconceivable, and they raged against it. They felt that something could be done to save them, and a panic. God knows the anxieties and they rebelled bitterly at the thought of The nerve centers were ed and the vital forces so shattered

"Between those two extremes were all the barrel would be full, and the chilstill. They say nothing. They endure manner of gradations. There is no dren's shoes would last as long as the and will until God and the judgment shoes of the Israelites in the wilderness right their wrongs. Oh, but says some vital force. Very few men sent messages. Those who realized fully that they must die were silent, mostly, and seemed to be thinking. I am speaking, of course, of cases in which death en--New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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> > His Way of Weighing. "My way is dark and lonely," hum

"Perhaps your way may be lonely," remarked the customer, "but I guess

CHRISTMAS IN GERMAN ARMY

At Metz, Where 30,000 Men Are Always Rendy to March. As all the world knows, Metz, the

great outpost of the German army, faces watchfully toward the west. From its gates the road to Paris tapers through wall after wall of entrenchments, which end in the "stricken field" and heights of Gravelotte. Thence that lad. Bravo! That is the spirit of to the French frontier is only a shortish walk by the mounds of graves which

> Infantry, artillery, cavalry and the rest are all equipped as if for instant active service; the stores are all to hand; harness and carts lie ready by the side of the transport animals. a gaiter button is wanting"-in half an hour 30,000 men can be marching out of Metz with all the machinery and munitions of modern war-with all the stores and equipment needed for a campaign. But still, in spite of all this, you cannot help feeling that Metz is no threat, but merely a warning, a reminder and a recognition of the instability of Germany's neighbor.

It is only at Christmas that this great frontier force has a brief holiday from the incessant work which is nec essary to keep the continental war machine in working order, but at Christmas even the iron routine of the German army, sterner than ever on the frontier, gives way to the homeliness of

the German race. Every private who has the money may go home for Christmas. For those who cannot go home a little festival is held in the barracks, which seems characteristic of the simple affection for old homely customs which the Germans, most of all people, have preserved.

By order of the company officer the barrack room of each company is closed on Christmas afternoon, while a Christmas tree is decorated by the sergeant and his wife with lights and small presents paid for by the canteen fund are tied to the boughs. Near it stands a huge cask of beer. The childish fiction of a surprise is

innocently maintained, and each company is ordered by its commanding officer to assemble in the evening. At the appointed moment he leads the way, unlocks the door and enters the gayly lighted room, while a few singers chant an old nursery carol of rejoicing for the event which Christmas celebrates.

Then the officer, broaching the barrel of beer, drinks to the health of his men, proposing it in the words of an old formula of mediæval German, and then he leaves them to the sociability of toasts and talking and to the simple, childish pleasure of the loaded tree, which, heightened by mild but plenteous beer and tobacco, are the joys of the German people at Christmas.-London

Civil War Correspondents.

Of the regular correspondents who followed the army from 1861 to 1865 several notable writers have survived Townsend, whose battle pictures surpass everything of their kind in literature, is still a prolific contributor to As Martha opens the door I look in wretched experience he wrote-"Bet- 209,800,000. According to the director the press. He spends his winters in they would have had! But something went wrong in the kitchen. Either the would not burn or the bread would fire would not burn or the bread would have had! But something and I also see the trial of severe econter is a dinner of herbs where love is day to the press. He specially summing the pressum that the press. He specially summing the press. He specially summing the pressum the pressum the pressum that the press. He specially summing the pressum the pressum the pressum that the pressum the pressum the pressum that the pressum that th 500,000,000 than the total stock of both | George W. Smalley is the New York correspondent of the London Times. Henry V. Boynton is chairman of the Chickamauga park commission and a brigadier general in the volunteer army. Bull Run Russell is still writing in London, Henry Villard is a millionaire with one place in Germany, another in Madison avenue, New York, and a third on the banks of the Hudson, near Dobbs Ferry. Whitelaw Reid is editor of the New York Tribune and was a member of the peace commission. Edward H. House lives at Tokyo and writes for several American papers. He is the Japanese representative of the Associated Press. Joseph Howard, Jr., still follows his profession in New York, as also do Murat Halstead, W. F. G. Shanks and several others. In fact, more of the men who became famous as correspondents during the war are living than are dead. They were nearly all between 25 and 30 years of age at that time, and it is only 34 years since

the war closed. -Chicago Record. A Woman's Voice.

Crusty old bachelors and henpecked husbands have often expatiated on the carrying power of a woman's voice, but the average man, with the memory of soft, sweet words lingering in his mind, has not hesitated to denounce such woman haters were right. An English aeronaut has just registered on a very delicate instrument the human voice heard at different altitudes. He has noticed that the voice of a woman is audible in a balloon at the height of exactly two miles, while that of a man has never reached higher than a mile. There is no reverberation in the sounds which are carried to those altitudes, but the

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